

<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  <b>Address to:</b> <b>Mail Stop RCE</b> <b>Commissioner for Patents</b> <b>P.O. Box 1450</b> <b>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</b>	<i>Application Number</i>	<b>09/992,971</b>
	<i>Filing Date</i>	<b>November 14, 2001</b>
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	<b>Koichi Tanaka</b>
	<i>Art Unit</i>	<b>1745</b>
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	<b>Ruthkosky, Mark</b>
	<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	<b>09792909-5272</b>

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.** Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☒ **Previously submitted.** If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on **June 19, 2006**.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.
- b. ☐ **Enclosed**
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ **Petition for Extension of Time**

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any discrepancies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **19-3140**
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for responding to the Office Action dated **February 8, 2006** by **two** month(s) so that the period for response is extended to **July 10, 2006** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. Since a one-month extension of time fee was previously requested and paid, Applicant submits that an amount of **\$330.00** is needed to cover the balance between the second month extension of time fee and the first month extension of time fee paid with the filing of the Response to the February 8, 2006 Final Office Action, filed on June 19, 2006.
- c. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of **\$790.00** (the basic RCE filing fee) and an extension fee of **\$330.00** to American Express credit card. Credit Card payment authorization for the fee is made via the electronic submission process.

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

14. ☒ Customer No. 26263

Dated: **July 10, 2006**

  
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